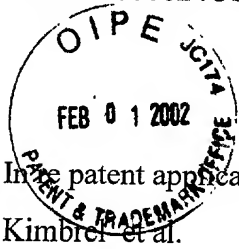


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- 1) A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers
- 2) Substitute drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84

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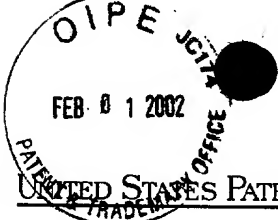
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